

REMARKS

Claims 31 and 32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-20, 22-30, 33 and 34 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in those claims. Prompt allowance based upon the allowable subject matter of claims 31 and 32 is respectfully requested based on the above amendments.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance based on allowable claims 31 and 32; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 4, rejects claims 1, 3-20, 22-30, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008253 to Monroe in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0041155 to Nelson et al. (hereinafter "Nelson") or U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0004411 to Heppe et al. (hereinafter "Heppe"). Based on the cancellation of claims 1, 3-20, 22-30, 33 and 34 the above rejection is rendered moot. Therefore, based on the allowable subject matter of claims 31 and 32 this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 31 and 32 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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